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SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STAYS STEADY FOR OCTOBER

1. STATISTICS CANADA RELEASED ON NOV 12 LABOR FORCE INFORMATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 18, SHOWING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED 7.2 PERCENT LEVEL. RATE UNCHANGED FROM SEPTEMBER FIGURE AND EXCEPT FOR AUGUST RATE OF 7.3 PERCENT, RATE REMAINED SAME SINCE JUNE.

2. SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT LEVEL FOR OCTOBER WAS 9,373,000 PERSONS, DOWN BY 22,000 FROM SEPTEMBER. ON PROVINCIAL BASIS, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN B.C. AND ONTARIO BUT DECREASED IN MANITOBA, NEWFOUNDLAND, N.B. AND SASKATCHEWAN. OTHER PROVINCES LITTLE OR NO CHANGE.

3. SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT DECREASED BY 7,000 TO 725,000 IN OCTOBER. UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASED IN B.C. AND QUEBEC, AND INCREASED IN N.B. AND SASKATCHEWAN. LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN OTHER PROVINCES.

4. ACTUAL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) LABOR FORCE FOR OCTOBER WAS 9,982,000 PERSONS; EMPLOYMENT WAS 9,406,000 PERSONS; AND UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WERE 576,000 (OR 5.8 PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE). JOHNSON

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